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SUBJ SECOND PLENARY SESSION RA-I-AUG 24, 1973

1. PLENARY CONSIDERED THE FIRST REPORT ON CREDENTIALS. IN SPITE OF CRITICISM AND POTENTIAL REJECTION OF LISTING OF PORTUGAL, PRESIDENT FORCED REPORT THROUGH TO APPROVAL. ONLY MAURITANIA OFFICIALLY STATED A RESERVATION.

2. DEBATE ON ITEM 11 WHICH DEALS WITH UN RESOLUTION 2980 WAS NOT COMPLETED AT THIS PLENARY. NIGERIA, ALGERIA, CAMEROON, EGYPT, LIBYA MADE STRONG STATEMENTS AGAINST PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND PORTUGAL. THEY DEPLORED LACK OF ACTION ON PART OF WMO. THEY RECOGNIZED LIMITATIONS PLACED ON SUCH ACTIONS BY WMO CONVENTION AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE STUDIED BY ASSOCIATION. DELEGATE FROM TUNISIA, SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS POINTED TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN ANY EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLLABORATION WITH MEMBERS MENTIONED.

3. TUNISIA PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PANEL TO REVIEW BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS INVOLVED IN FOLLOWING UP ON UN RECOMMENDATIONS, INDICATING THAT THIS PANEL SHOULD BE GIVEN TIME TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF MATTER. THIS KIND OF DELAY WAS CLEARLY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. PRESIDENT, THEREFORE, APPOINTED A WORKING GROUP TO MEET DURING THIS

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SESSION TO BRING FORWARD PROPOSALS THAT COULD BE ADOPTED BY

ASSOCIATION. INCLUDED IN THIS WORKING GROUP ARE ALGERIA,
CAMEROON, EGYPT, MADAGASCAR, TUNISIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL.
THERE WERE CLEARLY A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS WHO RECOGNIZED
TECHNICAL PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE RAISED BY ELIMINATION OF
COLLABORATION WITH THREE COUNTRIES MENTIONED. NO DATE HAS
YET BEEN SET FOR NEXT DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.BASSIN

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